

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE: PETITION FOR ARBITRATION)
OF AN INTERCONNECTION)
AGREEMENT BETWEEN BELL SOUTH)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND)
US LEC OF TENNESSEE, INC.) DOCKET NO. 00-00053
PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(B) OF)
THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT)
OF 1996)

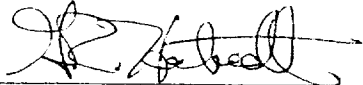
ORDER

As evidenced by their signatures below, the parties to the above captioned proceeding have jointly requested a fourth, thirty (30) day suspension of the procedural schedule for the purpose of attempting to arrive at a complete settlement of all outstanding issues.


For good cause shown, the motion is granted, effective March 9, 2001.

Dated March 9th, 2001.

Guy Hicks by WLM w/ permission
Guy Hicks, Counsel for BellSouth


Gary Hotvedt, Hearing Officer

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